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### **Bristol Bay in the News May 7, 2013**

News that the EPA released a revised Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and opened a second public comment period was published in more than 50 major newspapers and a number of prominent national websites, including NBC News, ABC News, Politico, The Hill and Huffington Post. The broad coverage included an AP story that reads: “Build-out of a large-scale mine near the headwaters of a world-class salmon fishery in Alaska could wipe out as many as 90 miles of streams and alter stream flows, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said in a revised assessment released Friday.” In addition, mining activity would destroy at least 24 miles of streams and up to 4,800 acres of wetland habitat.

The updated Assessment affirms the conclusions reached in EPA’s May 2012 version and says that stream and wetlands losses due to the Pebble project would lead to diminished fish production downstream. After the second comment period ends May 31, and a concurrent independent science review is complete, EPA will finalize its Bristol Bay report.

Senator Maria Cantwell issued a statement on the Assessment that said, in part: “This report is evidence of the devastating impact that the proposed Pebble Mine would have on Bristol Bay salmon and the thousands of Washington state jobs that depend on them. I look forward to the EPA moving forward and finalizing a Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. I will continue to fight to protect Washington fishing jobs. Because the future of Bristol Bay must be determined by science, not politics.”

Additionally, a group of 300 scientists around the world released a letter commending the EPA for its independent scientific review of Bristol Bay and expressing deep concerns about the Pebble Mine project.

An excerpt of the letter reads: “We would also note that the mine impact scenarios used to estimate risks to fisheries, though based on an industry report for the Pebble prospect, may actually be

overly optimistic about such challenges and about the overall management of a large mine. This is particularly important given the sensitivity of aquatic life to very low levels of metals and the potential for effects that could result in a long-term decline of fish populations.”

For more information, visit [savebristolbay.org](http://savebristolbay.org)

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**EPA: Alaska Mine Project Could Hurt Salmon Streams**

*Associated Press*

Becky Bohrer

Build-out of a large-scale mine near the headwaters of a world-class salmon fishery in Alaska could wipe out as many as 90 miles of streams and alter stream flows, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said in a revised assessment released Friday. The report said mining activity would claim at least 24 miles of streams in the Bristol Bay region, based on the scenarios evaluated, with the loss of wetlands ranging from 1,200 to 4,800 acres... [Click here to read more](#)

The article also appeared:

ABC, Huffington Post, Philly.com, Free Republic, News Daily, Myrtle Beach online, Tri-City Herald, The Sun, Monterey Herald, Times-Standard, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Wichita Eagle, Oakland Tribune, CF News 13, KTVB, The Evening Sun, Star Tribune, KSL, York Dispatch, WNYT, Arizona Daily Star, Kansas First News, My San Antonio, KXAN, Tacoma News Tribune, Miami Herald, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Fox 11, KTOO, Times Union, Dayton Daily News, KRQE, Star-Telegram, NBC News, Enquirer Herald, Canadian Business, Idaho Statesman, Bellingham Herald, Anchorage Daily News, Seattle Times, The Brandon Sun, Edmonton Journal

**EPA backs finding that proposed mine would hurt Alaska salmon runs**

*Miami Herald*

Sean Cockerham

The Environmental Protection Agency says the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska could wipe out nearly 100 miles of streams and 4,800 acres of wetlands in one of the last places remaining in the world to support huge runs of wild salmon... [Click here to read more](#)

**EPA deals blow to Alaska mine project**

*The Hill*

Zack Colman

A proposed mine near Alaska’s coast that’s garnered Capitol Hill attention would harm a habitat that houses nearly half the world’s sockeye salmon, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said

Friday. The EPA's revised draft assessment of the Pebble Mine project's potential impact on the aquatic ecosystem in Bristol Bay... [Click here to read more](#)

**EPA Releases Revised Bristol Bay Assessment/Agency asks for Additional Peer Review and Public Comment**

*Seattle PI*

Joel Connelly

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**Scientists Call on White House to Protect Bristol Bay Watershed from Mining**

*PEW*

More than 300 leading scientists sent a letter to the White House on April 26, 2013 expressing "deep concerns" about the prospect of large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed of Southwest Alaska, home to the world's largest wild salmon runs... [Click here to read more](#)

**EPA Releases Revised Draft Assessment of Bristol Bay Mining**

*KTUU*

Chris Klint

A revised draft assessment of mining near Bristol Bay, based on projected output from a facility like the proposed Pebble Mine, says a similar project could deny dozens of miles of streams to fish and would have to be monitored for centuries after its completion...

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**Cantwell Statement on New EPA Findings on Bristol Bay Mine, Threat to WA Fishing Jobs**

Maria Cantwell

Today, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) released the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) revised watershed assessment that revealed new risks a mine development near Bristol Bay would pose to Washington fishing jobs and to Bristol Bay salmon... [Click here to read more](#)

**Draft EPA report: Big Alaska mine like Pebble could harm salmon**

*Alaska Dispatch*

Margaret Bauman

Large-scale mining at the headwaters of the Bristol Bay watershed would result in extensive loss of salmon streams and wetlands critical to fish habitat, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Friday... [Click here to read more](#)

**EPA Releases 'Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment,' Opens Public Comment Period**

*KDLG*

Mike Mason

Entities on all sides of the fight over the proposed Pebble Mine are commenting about the new version of the "Bristol Bay Watershed

Assessment" that was released Friday by the EPA. KDLG's Mike Mason reports... [Click here to read more](#)

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